



Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcomed parents onto the Junior Site today for our first poetry recital assembly. CTK poetry recitals are wonderful because year-on-year, our children have the opportunity to learn, perform and watch a range of classic, modern and funny poems. Performing them as a class brings our children together as a class team and also gives each and every one of our pupils a voice and the chance to perform.

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Boyd's class based on the theme of joy. Thank you to all the pupils in 6SB for all their hard work and preparation over the past two weeks. The children confidently performed 'Invictus' by William Ernest Henley and 'Pinda Cake' by Valerie Bloom and a Gospel Medley hymn. It was lovely to see the children learning these poems and performing with understanding, projection and enthusiasm. It also reminded us to take a moment to appreciate the joy we can find in each other.

Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children have been learning about the virtue of hard work. They have learned that it builds responsibility and discipline and that they should always do their best every day. The children in Year 6 and Year 2 set a mission for the children. Our missions this week:

Infant Mission: Work hard! To work hard on your own, to work hard in a team!

Junior Mission: To follow Jesus' servant leader example. Jesus decided to serve his Disciples by washing their feet and we will copy this by offering our services to our adults at home.

We invite you to talk about the value of work and the importance of serving others through their efforts.

Harvest

We will be supporting Braunstone Foodshare again this year. It is a local organisation who collect food donations and make food parcels for families in our local area. As part of our Harvest Festival collection, we are asking the children to bring in one or more dried or tinned food items for the Braunstone Foodshare. They do not collect out-of-date foods, damaged foods or fresh produce. Please send your food donations by Thursday 16th October.

Parish Links

First Holy Communion 2026

Children in Year 3 or above who live in the Parish of Blessed Sacrament and St. Peter's are now eligible to apply to celebrate their First Holy Communion next year. Application forms are available by email from the Parish Office: holycommunion1936@gmail.com



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

RSL	Adaeze, Kezia, Jayden, Lliyah, Neriah
RHM	Melanie, Alex, Ayda, Bohdan, Ikemba
RAG	Amarii, Celeste, Grace, Aaral, Arturo, Emily
1RH	Ogechi
1HF	Chandni
1ER	Louis
2SN	Sukhkaran
2NT	Valentine
2WB	Jonathan

CTK Juniors

3KR	Ksenia
3GH	Aaisha
3TP	Jovanna
4MH	Olivia
4HD	Jeremy
4GO	Ollie
5TO	Denzel
5WG	Neto
5AL	Stephan
6SB	Ollee
6LS	Lola
6SF	Anashe

Each week, the teacher selects a pupil for the *Star of the Week* award in recognition of their hard work and pride in the presentation of their work. Well done to our Stars this week!

Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Daniel (2SN)
Junior Site	Mary (6SF)

Congratulations to the pupils who have received the 'Head of School' Award this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!



Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Featherstone's class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Hall's Class with 99.4%

3rd Place: Miss Hynes' class with 99.0%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.5%. Well done, everyone! Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Be involved with your child's learning in school

Our children really benefit from the wealth of experience available within our school community. Can you help with any of the following?

Demonstrating a musical instrument

Do you play a musical instrument? If so, perhaps you could introduce it to the children in one of our weekly assemblies. If you are able to help, please contact our Music Lead, Mr Mason, by emailing the office.

Our Aspirations Curriculum

In each year group, our children learn about life in the world of work in different sectors. We would really like you to come and talk to a year group about your job: What do you do each day? Why do you enjoy it? How did you qualify to do your job? Below is a list of the different areas that we look at but if your job doesn't fit one of our areas and you think the children would be interested, please get in touch. Please contact Ms Knight and Mrs Gallagher by emailing the office if you are able to help.

EYFS - the emergency services

Year 1 - food and leisure

Year 2 - healthcare

Year 3 - construction, engineering and manufacturing

Year 4 - travel and tourism

Year 5 - the creative industries/media

Year 6 - legal and financial services

Our History Week (Week Beginning 6th October)

We celebrate the histories of the many countries and cultures that make up our community during 'Our History Week'. If you would be willing to talk to a class about the history of the country and/or culture that you come from, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our History Lead, Miss Odedra, by emailing the office.



The CTK Experience

At Christ the King we plan a sequence of trips as part of the CTK Experience. These directly support the learning in the curriculum provide a range of experiences that enhance the wider development of our pupils.

Year 4 visit New Walk Museum and Art Gallery

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to New Walk museum where they took part in an Egyptian workshop. They learned what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians, dressed up in Ancient Egyptian costume and had the chance to examine some artefacts from 3000 years ago. They also had the opportunity to explore the museum. The children really enjoyed their visit.



Sporting Notices from Mr T!

Boys Football

On Monday 22nd September, we kicked off a brand-new season of KS2 Boys' Football. This year marks our fifth consecutive year participating in the *Inspire Together: Leicester City Football League*, held at New College, Leicester.

Due to the incredible passion and high demand from our children, we are proud to announce that we have entered two teams into the boy's league this year! A fantastic achievement that highlights the ever-growing passion for football in our school community!

Our first match night of the season brought lots to celebrate and plenty to build on. Team 1 enjoyed a fantastic evening, showing great skill and teamwork. For Team 2, many players were experiencing their first competitive fixtures; they grew in confidence with every game, showed real resilience, and finished stronger than they started. Mr Dunn and Mr T were very proud of their attitude and progress.

A special shoutout goes to Tomasz B, who scored an impressive hat-trick in a convincing win for Team 1, and to David, who found the back of the net on his debut, a special achievement for a Year 4 pupil.

The season is off to an exciting start, and we look forward to our Girl's football team starting next Monday.



Welcome Parent Curriculum Meetings

It has been fantastic to see so many of our families in school for the parent welcome meetings that have been held this week.

These meetings provide you with expectations for the year ahead, an overview of what your children will be learning and practical information on PE days, trips and visits.

These meetings continue next week for those yet to have them. Please see the dates at the end of the newsletter.

Year 6 children moving to secondary school from August 2026

On Monday, Mr Calen - the Principal of English Martyrs - came to speak to the Year 6 pupils. He was very impressed with the way the children presented themselves, by their fantastic contributions and thoughtful questions - well done, Year 6!

Online applications for secondary schools are now open. Applications can be made online at [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://leicester.gov.uk) and will need to be submitted by no later than **Friday 31st October 2025**. If you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late and you may miss out on your choice of school. Please remember that if you are applying for a Catholic school you must also complete the Supplementary Form.

Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers about **Snapchat**. We are aware that many children have access to this app via their phones/tablets. Snapchat's age requirement is 13 years old. CTK does not advise the use of Snapchat by children but that is a decision for parents.

Parent's Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October. Thank you to all those parents who have booked an appointment on Arbor. The online bookings close on Friday 3rd October @15:00. If you do not book, an appointment will be issued to you and it will appear on the target report that you will receive on Friday 10th October.



CTK Open Days for children starting school in September 2026

We will be holding three Open Days for parents with children due to start school in August 2026. Please share this information with friends and family to whom this applies.



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association are looking for volunteers! Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 30th September at 18:00** on the Infant Site. A particular invitation to our many new parents in Reception. Whilst coming together as a community for many occasions, (the discos, cinema nights, BBQ), our PTA raises around £6,500 every year. This money helps to improve our school for your children. Please come along to see if you can help.

Thought for the Week

Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another"

St Vincent De Paul

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Term Dates Advent 1 2025

Monday 29th September	Year 4 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm
Tuesday 30th September	Year 6 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm
Tuesday 30th September	New Reception Open Day (academic year 2026-27) —Infant Site 9:15-10am
Wednesday 1st October	5TO and 5AL trip Botanical Gardens
Wednesday 1st October	Reception Parent Curriculum Meeting - Infant Site @ 9:00am
Thursday 2nd October	Inspire Workshops for Year 5 Parents on theme of Creation @ 9:00am Junior Site
Thursday 2nd October	Y2 Beaumanor Hall Trip—Victorians
Friday 3rd October	6SF Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:20pm
Friday 3rd October	5WG trip to Botanical Gardens
Week beginning 6th October	Our History Week - more details to follow
Monday 6th October	Junior Chaplains Retreat Day at St. Patrick's School
Thursday 9th October	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety Education Session for Year 5 @ 8:45
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10th October	6LS Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm
Friday 10th October	Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening
Monday 13th October	EYFS Parents Afternoon 1.15-3.00pm
Tuesday 14th October	EYFS Parents Afternoon 1.15-3.00pm
Tuesday 14th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm
Wednesday 15th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm
Thursday 16th October	Harvest Celebration of the Word — Parents Welcome Infants 9:00 Juniors 14:15
Thursday 16th October	All Harvest donations for Braunstone Foodshare to be donated by today, please
Thursday 16th October	EYFS Parents Afternoon 1.15-3.00pm
Friday 17th October	School finishes for the October Half Term Normal school closure times



Term Dates Advent 1 2025 continued...

Week beginning 20th Oct	School closed for half term
Monday 27th October	School reopens for Advent 2 term
Week beginning 27th Oct	Catholic Social Teaching Week at CTK
Monday 27th October	Year 6 & Year 2 Joint Mass with Fr John—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents Welcome
Thursday 30th October	Inspire Workshops for Year 4 Parents on theme of Rosary @9:00am Junior Site